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In re application of : Michael C. Burke
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Examiner : Morgan, Robert W.
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SYSTEM

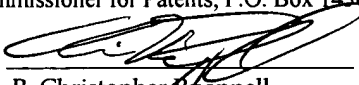
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**PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF
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Applicant hereby requests a one month extension of time for response to the Office Action herein dated August 25, 2005. The grant of this *Petition* will extend the time for response from November 25, 2005 to December 25, 2005.

Please find enclosed a check in the amount of \$120.00 (one hundred twenty dollars) in payment of the fee for a one month extension of time.

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